OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) There is no plan at present to have a Technology Mission in Housing.

(b) Does not arise.

Danger from Irradiation of Food

2181. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen Cause for Concern article by noted Columnist Ms. Neelam Mathew which focuses attention on danger from Irradiation of Foods;

(b) whether Government are aware that serious concern has been expressed on the subject at Canberra meeting of IOCU in November, 1988 and more recently at IOCU-PAN meetings held at Penang, Malaysia from 21st—28th January, 1989; and

(c) whether Government propose to call a meeting of interested consumer and health groups who are against irradiation and BARC and CFTRI who are in favour of irradiation despite mass of scientific evidence against food irradiation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Canberra Declaration of IOCU did not provide the public with a balanced view on food irradiation. There is no proposal to call such a meeting.

Drugs cleared for treatment of Leprosy

2182. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs cleared for marketing for treatment of Leprosy;

(b) what are the formulations based on these drugs either individually or in combination for which the permisson to manufacture has been granted alongwith composition of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that these drugs are very costly;

(d) what are the names of drugs which fall under Category-I of drugs Price Control Order and what are the details of formulations based on these drugs which are purchased by Government for free distribution;

(e) what was the quantity purchased of each formulation from each party alongwith the price during the last three years, year-wise.

(f) whether it is a fact that these medicines are purchased for eradication of Leprosy programmes; and

(g) if so, what was the budget allocated for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Following three drugs are procured for treatment of leprosy patients under National Leprosy Eradication Programme:

(i) Dapsone
(ii) Rifampicin
(iii) Clofazimine

(b) These drugs are made available to the patients under National Leprosy Eradication Programme in following Strengths:

(i) Dapsone: 100mg, 50mg, 25mg, tablets.

(ii) Clofazimine: 10mg, 50mg Capsules.

(iii) Rifampicin 300mg., 150mg. Capsules.

(c) These drugs are given free of cost to leprosy patients under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(d) The following formulations which fall under Category I of Drug Prices Control Order 1987 are cleared for use in the leprosy programme. Rifampicin has since been listed under category II:

(1) Rifampicin
(2) Clofazimine
(3) Dapsone

The drugs mentioned at (a) are procured for free distribution under National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(e) All the drugs are procured through Directorate General of Supply and Disposal. Details of order placed during the three years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given at Annexure (See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 123].

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Year-wise Budget Estimates for last three years is as follows:

Year	Budget Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1986-87	114 84
1987-88	573.00
1988-89	433.00

Purchase of medicines for prevention of Dehydration Programme

2183. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are purchasing any medicine for prevention of dehydration programme.

(b) if so, the names of such medicines;

(c) what was the quantity purchased of each during the last three years, year-wise alongwith names of the party, the value, quantity, price at which purchased from each party;

(d) what are the important and safe medicines being marketed for thereof;

(e) the names of the medicines which are covered under Category-I of Drugs Price Control Order;

(f) whether it is a fact that drug companies are charging very high prices of these medicines; and

(g) what steps have been taken to provide the medicines needed for dehydration at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Under the Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme funds are provided by Government of India to the States/UTs for purchase of Oral Rehydration Salt (WHO recommended formula).

(c) According to the information available, the details regarding quantity purchased by the States/UTs during the last three years, year-wise alongwith names of the party and cost of given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 126].